

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2010**

At 5:35 P.M. Vic Chair Tom Kasten called the meeting to order in the Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office.

Committee Members Attending:

Jerry Carlson (City of Atherton)
Andrew Cohen (City of Menlo Park)
Carol Groom (County of San Mateo)
Tom Kasten (Town of Hillsborough)
Brandt Grotte (for David Lin - City of San Mateo)
Kevin Mullin (City of South San Francisco)
Mary Ann Nihart (City of Pacifica)

Guests or Staff Attending:

Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director)
Jim Bigelow (Redwood City Chamber of Commerce)
Chick Cole (by phone)
Gus Khouri (Advocation – by phone)
Joseph Kott (C/CAG Staff)
Brian Moura (City of San Mateo)

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Legislative Committee Minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2010 were approved by acclamation with the addition of Mary Ann Nihart as an attendee.

3. Briefing from Advocation.

The Legislative Committee received and discussed a briefing from Chuck Cole and Gus Khouri Advocacy, C/CAG's lobbyists in Sacramento. Majorities of California voters were dissatisfied with the Governor, the Legislature. And the direction the State of California was heading. The electorate was split with about 30% registered as Republicans, 50% as Democrats, and 20% declining to state. The Legislature was divided into 25 Democrats, 14 Republicans, and 1 vacancy in the Senate as well as 50 Democrats, 27 Republicans, 1 Independent, and 2 vacancies in the Assembly.

State budget negotiators were getting closer together on pension reform. The State Controller has estimated that the State would have cash in hand to operate until October. Payments to State vendors were behind, however. Democrats would like to reduce the sales tax and add a new oil severance tax to replace lost sales tax revenues. While this would be revenue-neutral in earlier years, it would provide a net revenue increase in the out years.

SB 1333, SB 1141, and SB 346, all bills supported by C/CAG had been passed by the Legislature and awaited a decision by the Governor, who has until September 30th to sign or veto legislation.

None of the statewide propositions seemed to be "firing up the voters". Of particular note to C/CAG's interest were Proposition 22 on Legislative takeaways of local funding; Proposition 23 on effectively repealing AB 32, Greenhouse Gas reduction legislation; Proposition 25 on requiring only a simple majority to pass a State budget; and Proposition 26 to require a two-thirds vote on State and local fees.

Kevin Mullin asked who was funding the campaign against Proposition 26. Mr. Khouri stated that there was an organized opposition but it was not well funded at this point.

Kevin Mullin also asked if the governance reform ideas of the recent "blue ribbon" commission were all dead. Gus Khouri said that they were all "non-starters".

4. Legislative Priorities

Richard Napier and Joe Kott presented information on status of the legislation supported or otherwise watched by C.CAG.

Brandt Gotte moved and Jerry Carlson seconded a recommendation from the Legislative Committee to the C/CAG Board to endorse C/CAG's San Mateo County Measure M to impose a \$10 vehicle license fee. There was unanimous support for this position.

Brandt Gotte moved and Mary Ann Nihart seconded a recommendation from the Legislative Committee to the C/CAG Board to endorse California Proposition 22. There was unanimous support for this position.

Mary Ann Nihart moved and Carol Groom seconded a recommendation from the Legislative Committee to the C/CAG Board to endorse California Proposition 23. There was unanimous support for this position.

Brandt Gotte moved and Jerry Carlson seconded a recommendation from the Legislative Committee to the C/CAG Board to oppose California Proposition 26. There was unanimous support for this position.

5. Establish Date and Time for Next Meeting.

October 14, 2010 at 5:30 PM Second Floor Auditorium at the San Mateo Transit District Office unless otherwise announced was selected.

None.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6.25 PM.